

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

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I-PAS-Cedar Lake Wild Rice Preservation Study

Description

Little Cedar Lake is a lake in Southeastern Minnesota. It is located at the geographic center of Washington County. Wild rice cultivation has played an important cultural and economic role for the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Water level fluctuations have impacts on wild rice growth and propagation. This project involves the development of a computer model which will be used to improve the knowledge and management of the Big Lake/Simian Creek watershed in order to cultivate wild rice and control the water level on Little Cedar Lake.

Congressional Interest

Nolan (MN-8); Senator Smith (MN), Senator Klobuchar (MN)

Location Map & Picture





Non-Federal Project Sponsor

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Project Authority

Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 – Planning Assistance to States (PAS).

Funding		<u>Total</u>		<u>Federal</u>		Non-Federal	
Current Working Estimate: Funds Allocated prior to FY17:	\$ \$	346,000 250,000	\$ \$	173,000 173,000	\$ \$	173,000 77,000	
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FY18 Budget:	\$	0	\$	0	\$ \$	0	
Funds required to complete (>FY18):	\$	96,000	\$	0	\$	96,000	

Stage

N/A

Status

The model for this project has been developed and alternative solutions for addressing Wild Rice restoration have been identified. Tribal members implemented one of the potential solutions in FY17 and data was collected to see how the watershed responds. The project modeling is currently being finalized. The report will be completed in early CY2018.